

We live in a world that is permeated with injustice and inequality. Hundreds of thousands go to bed every night hungry and homeless in the richest land on the planet. Millions more struggle from paycheck to paycheck, from dead end job to dead end job just trying to make ends meet. Racism, sexism and homophobia result in countless forms of discrimination, and violence. People who spend their whole lives leading hard working, honest and up right lives find themselves cheated, robbed and disenfranchised. All while our earth is being polluted and raped, our resources squandered, and countless wars waged causing horrendous amounts of human suffering and destruction.

Why? Why does all of this happen? Why in an age of progress and plenty do these social ills persist? These are not the result of some natural laws, or inescapable forces. These are the result of actions and policies carried out by people, against other people. These things happen because under capitalism the driving force, the main criteria for corporate and government decisions, is not what is in the best interest of people, but of profit. For the sake of accumulating and preserving their power and privilege the small group of people who own and control the commanding heights of the economy, who have bought and paid for the politicians, the media and so much more, create and allow to persist these social ills. It is more profitable for

them to under-pay workers, and bust their unions to keep them from fighting back. It's profitable to have millions unemployed to compete for dead end jobs and drive down wages. Dumping poisons into the rivers is cheaper than preserving the environment. And bombing to smithereens competitors overseas and countries that don't want to allow us to rape their resources, likewise, is in the interest of the corporate world. Most of the social ills we face – from lack of funding for public education, to the lack of socialized health care, can be traced back to decisions made, and priorities set, by the capitalist class.

Under capitalism people are divided into social classes. Despite the best efforts of the defenders of capitalism to deny it, we do indeed live in a class society. Those in the working class have little choice but to spend their whole lives slaving away for less than they are worth, while those in the capitalist class have enormous amounts of power, wealth and privilege – not because they are necessarily smarter, or work harder, but because of their position in society.

And while the capitalists and their paid soothe sayers claim that this system is natural, and the only one possible, we in Socialist Action believe otherwise. We don't believe that a system based on cut throat competition and the immiseration of billions of people is the

best that we can do. We have faith in working people, and humanity as a whole. History has shown that we as a people are capable of creating societies based on solidarity and cooperation. Simply looking back at Native American and Aboriginal societies disproves the bosses claims that capitalism has always existed, and is the result of human nature.

Nor do we believe that capitalism is too strong to challenge. While it is true that they have enormous power, and will fight to stay on top, just remember that nothing moves with a worker making it move, and nothing is made without a worker making it. As a class we have enormous power, if we just recognize that and act. If we have the courage and self-respect to stand up for ourselves, we can and will change the world!

And what kind of world will we build? One free from discrimination and inequality. One that recognizes that an injury to one is an injury to all, regardless of the color of their skin, their gender, nationality, religion, sexuality or background. Liberated from the chains of false consciousness and the miseducation of capitalism we can build a society where people have confidence in themselves, and the MEANS, to pursue and develop their dreams and talents. We can create a society that is truly democratic on all levels – where workers own and control

their workplaces and communities. We can have a society where everyone gets a say in ALL of the decisions that effect their lives.

Under socialism we can replace the erratic market, with all of its inequality and losers, with a rational economic model – a democratically controlled planned economy based on workers' councils and consumer committees. We can place education under worker and community control. We can make all levels of education, health care, culture, recreation and social services available to everyone. Instead of having a world where only a tiny few benefit from the advances of technology, we can use it for the benefit of all – reducing the amount of time we have to work and increasing the amount of time we can spend to develop ourselves. Our new motto will be to each according to their needs, from each according to their abilities!

Socialist Action is a working class party dedicated to fighting back against the injustices of capitalism, and leading the just fight for working class emancipation. We take sides in every struggle between the oppressed and the oppressor, between the exploited and the exploiter. We're energetic builders of coalitions, and of independent working class political action. Armed with our political program we can and will change the world. Join us in the fight for socialism!

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## Why You Should Join the Socialists



An introduction to the group Socialist Action and the fight for a better world.

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